



EB-2014-0102

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Oakville Hydro Distribution Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2015.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Allison Duff
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
January 21, 2015

Background

Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. (Oakville Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on August 13, 2014 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking approval for changes to the rates that Oakville Hydro charges for electricity distribution, effective January 1, 2015.

On September 24, 2014, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1 granting the Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility in regards to Oakville Hydro's proposed Z-factor claim.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on the application on December 4, 2014, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Oakville Hydro.

On December 18, 2014, the Board issued its Final Rate Order.

The Board received cost claims from Energy Probe and VECC. No comments were received from Oakville Hydro.

The Board has reviewed Energy Probe's and VECC's cost claims and finds that Energy Probe and VECC are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that both claims are reasonable and Oakville Hydro shall reimburse Energy Probe and VECC for their costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Oakville Hydro shall immediately pay:
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$1,782.81; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$2,330.85.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Oakville Hydro shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, January 21, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary